



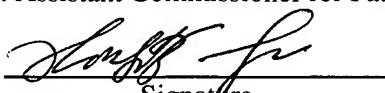
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IN RE APPLICATION OF

Art Unit: NA

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Examiner: NA

APPLICATION NO: 10/734,012

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FOR: PROCESS FOR PREPARING THE ANTIVIRAL AGENT [1S-(1 α , 3 α , 4 β)]-2-Amino-1,9-dihydro-9-[4-hydroxy-3-(hydroxymethyl)-2-methylenecyclopentyl]-6H-purin-6-one**MAIL STOP Box Amendment**

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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application, as follows.